

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:564

ANSWERED ON:30.04.2003

VIOLATION OF NORMS BY DRUG IMPORTERS

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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government have recently imposed certain restrictions on drug importers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the import of drugs under Open General Licence (OGL) without the clearance of the Ministry is not permitted;
- (d) if so, whether the drug importers have violated the various norms; and
- (e) if so, the action taken/being taken by the Government against drug importers?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 564 FOR 30.4.2003

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has published a Gazette Notification GSR No. 604 (E) dated 24.8.2001 amending various provisions of the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, thereby introducing a new provision for the registration of the manufacturing premises of foreign drug manufacturers and the individual drugs prior to their import into the country. The new registration requirements have come into force w.e.f. 1st April, 2003.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d)&(e): This Ministry has not received any complaints about violation by importers of the norms set out in the registration requirements.